

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1313**

**Introduced by Committee on Labor and Employment (Koretz  
(Chair), Chan, Chu, Klehs, Laird, and Leno)**

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 213.5 to the Labor Code, relating to wages.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1313, as introduced, Committee on Labor and Employment.  
Agricultural employees.

Existing law permits employers, subject to certain limitations and upon obtaining an employee's voluntary authorization, to pay the employee's wages directly into an account qualifying for participation in a direct deposit plan at a financial institution.

This bill would declare the Legislature's intent to enact legislation expanding agricultural workers' ability to be paid via direct deposit.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 213.5 is added to the Labor Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 213.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
- 4 to expand the ability of agricultural employees to obtain payment
- 5 of wages by direct deposit.
- 6 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, for purposes of this
- 7 section, "agricultural employee" has the same meaning as set
- 8 forth in subdivision (b) of Section 1140.4.

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